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EXDIS FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652:

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP

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THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE IN THE WHITE HOUSE
AT 1130 EST, FEBRUARY 24:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE PRESIDENT WILL TRAVEL ABROAD ON MARCH 28 TO VISIT
VENEZUELA, BRAZIL, NIGERIA AND LIBERIA. HE WILL RETURN
TO WASHINGTON ON APRIL 3. THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP PERMITS
HIM TO TRAVEL TO THOSE NATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND
AFRICA WHICH HE INDICATED LAST FALL HE HOPED TO VISIT.
HE WILL ALSO VISIT LIBERIA, WITH WHICH WE ENJOY HISTORIC
TIES.

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THE PRESIDENT WILL RENEW HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE LEADERS
OF VENEZUELA, BRAZIL AND NIGERIA AND MEET FOR THE FIRST
TIME PRESIDENT TOLBERT OF LIBERIA.

THE TRIP WILL PROVIDE THE PRESIDENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO
REAFFIRM THE ADMINISTRATIONS ENGAGEMENT AND INTEREST IN

THE QUESTIONS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NORTH-SOUTH
RELATIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS, ENERGY MATTERS, AND NUCLEAR
NON-PROLIFERATION, AS WELL AS REGIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS.

THE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY:

MARCH 28-29 VENEZUELA

MARCH 29-31 BRAZIL

MARCH 31 THROUGH APRIL 3 NIGERIA

APRIL 3 LIBERIA

END TEXT.

2. YOU SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS OF THE TIME AND
TEXT OF OUR ANNOUNCEMENT AND SAY WE HAVE NO OBJECTION
TO THEIR MAKING A SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE SAME TIME
OR AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE IN WASHINGTON.

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